

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY
Notice of a Public Meeting for
Total Maximum Daily Load Studies
Little Mosquito Creek and Assawoman Creek
Accomack County, VA

The Virginia Department of Environmental Quality will host a public meeting on water quality studies for Little Mosquito Creek and Assawoman Creek in Accomack County, on **Thursday October 15, 2015**.

The meeting will start at **6:00 pm** in the Chincoteague Bay Field Station (Classroom 200) located at 34001 Mill Dam Rd, Wallops Island, VA 23337. The purpose of the meeting is to provide information and discuss the study with community members and local government.

Little Mosquito Creek and Assawoman Creek were identified in Virginia's 2014 Water Quality Assessment & Integrated Report as impaired due to violations of the State's water quality standards for dissolved oxygen and do not support the Designated Use for Aquatic Life.

Section 303(d) of the Clean Water Act and §62.1-44.19:7.C of the Code of Virginia, require DEQ to develop TMDLs for pollutants responsible for each impaired water contained in Virginia's 303(d) TMDL Priority List and Report and subsequent Water Quality Assessment Reports.

During the study, DEQ will develop a Total Maximum Daily Load for the impaired waters. A TMDL is the total amount of a pollutant a water body can contain and still meet water quality standards. To restore water quality, pollutant levels have to be reduced to the TMDL amount. The Virginia Department of Environmental Quality and other agencies are working to identify the sources of pollution in the watersheds of these streams.

The public comment period on materials presented at this meeting will extend from October 16, 2015 to November 16, 2015. For additional information or to submit comments, contact Jennifer Howell, in the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality, Tidewater Regional Office, 5636 Southern Blvd, Virginia Beach VA 23462, by phone (757) 518-2111 or by e-mail jennifer.howell@deg.virginia.gov.

Additional information is also available on the DEQ web site at www.deq.virginia.gov/tmdl.